## **CLOUDBURST MARS** CHARLOTIE FETE;

Explosion of Electric Light Near President Causes a Panic.

GREAT CELEBRATION COMES TO CLOSE

Whole of Southern City En Fete in Honor of Day and Distinguished Visitor.

CHARLOTTE, N. C., May 20 .- A cloudburst occurred in the middle of the parade in honor of President Taft at 1:30 p. m., and a panic resulted in the crowd surrounding the stand.

One of the electric light wires in the street in front of the stand was broken by the passage of a float and a loud explosion, accompanied by a blinding flash, within roo feet of the President, added to the excitement.

Water poured through the canopy over Mr. Taft in sheets and his silk hat and coat were drenched in spite of efforts made by his aid, Captain Butts, to protect him with an umbrella.

The parade had to be abandoned. Thousands of new dresses were ruined by the down pour and hundreds of umbrellas raised by the crowd, were turned inside out by the wind.

A scramble was made by the crowd outside to get into shelter of the President's stand, and for a time it looked as though the structure would be smashed by the weight.

crowd back before the dreaded damage will be as much of a fizzle as other re President through the excitement and kept up a good-natured conversation with those around him while water ran in rivulets off his mustache and ch.a. As soon as the worst of the storm was over he was hustled into a closed automobile and taken back to Selwyn Hotel.

Cent meetings of the strikers. If it is, the strike may be declared off officially. Despite the decision of the congress of Seamen's unions to join in the strike, there has been no response as yet to the appeal sent to the various ports for the seamen to strike, and it

CHARLOTTE, N. C., May 20.—The President is in the hands of the "Sons of the Signers." He arrived here at 19:10 o'clock this morning to be the central figure in the celebration of the 124th anniversary of the signing of the Meck-

anniversary of the signing of the Mecklenburg Declaration of Independence
against Great Britain in the year 1775.
on a date unknown.

This afternoon at 4 o'clock he will
make a speech on Courthouse Square.
He spent this morning reviewing a
parade and shaking hands 'with reception committees. There are more reception committees. There are more reception committees in Charlotte today
than there are in any other State in the
Union. When Mr. Taft steeped off his
train he was escorted to the Selwyn Hotel by a reception committee. After he
had drawn a breath he was greeted in
the lobby of the hotel by the "Real Reception Committee." Immediately after
that he had the clearage of the proposition of the proposition in the present
trouble. The workmen are in sympathy
with the purpose of the strike but they
do not care to forego their wages at
this time to further the cause of the
postmen and telegraphers.

There was but one delivery of mail
today. Every postman was accompanied by a soldier, as a result of yesterday's assault upon several postmen. ception Committee." Immediately after that he had the pleasure of shaking hands with members of the central reception committee, and following this with lightning like rapidity he was greeted by a committee of Confederate veterans. Then he wound up by shaking hands with a lot of other committees which were important, but not so impressive as the others.

Rain Mars Day.

It was raining when the Presiden arrived, but there is a tradition in this town that the "Sons of the Signers" have always gotten everything they wanted except money. They wanted it to clear up and by 11 o'clock the rain

wanted except money. They wanted it to clear up and by 11 o'clock the rain had stopped.

Charlotte and the county of Mecklenburg are celebrating the fact that 124 years ago the citizens here got together and declared themselves free and independent, and added a postcript to the document teiling King George to chase himself. Unfortunately, however, no one knows exactly when this militant but bloodles deed was done. Some say it was on May 25, 1775, and others say is was on May 25, 1775, and others say is was on May 26, 1775, and others say is was on May 26, 1775, and others say is was on May 28, 1775. Anyway everybody agrees it was one year ahead of the document drawn up by Thomas Jefferson and signed in Philadelphia.

Sad to say, again, however, nobody knows what was in this declaration. Som after it was written, the house in which it had been put for safe keeping inconsiderately burned to the ground. A second meeting was held, and the author of the original document was asked to rewrite it. He did so, but sadly admitted that he had not been able to remember exactly what he had said in his first effort.

Regardless of the fact that nobody knows when the paper was drawn up, or what was in it, the celebration today marks a great event. There were no apparent results from this declaration. George would not chase himself and there was no clamor of war, recither was there a river of blood (Continued on Fourth Page.)

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#### WEATHER REPORT.

The indications are that the Southe storm will move slowly northeastward and 'cause general rains in the middle Atlantic and south Atlantic States, Georgia, Alabama, the upper Ohio valley, and the lower 'Lake region during tonight and Friday.

FORECAST FOR THE DISTRICT. Unsettled weather and rain tenight and Friday; continued cool; moderate and brisk easterly winds.

TEMPERATURE

SUN TABLE.

TIDE TABLE.

Today—High tide, 8:28 a. m.; 9:05 p. m.
Low tide, 2:30 a. m.; 3:11 p. m.

Tomorrow—High tide 3:17 a. m.; 9:53 p.
m. Low tide, 3:18 a. m.; 3:59 p. m.

CONDITION OF THE RIVERS.
HARPERS FERRY, W. Va., May 20.
-Both rivers clear today.

### LEAP FROM BRIDGE SURVIVED BY DIVER

Brooklyn Man Jumps From Williamsburg Bridge Into the East River, a Height of 135 Feet, But Escapes Without Serious Injury.

of 135 feet, early today. He was picked up by a passing tug and taken

by two other men, drove to the center of the bridge in an automobile. He of the bridge in an automobile. He had on swimming trunks, and without hesitation went to the rail and jumped before police on duty could reach him. Island as a result of his feat. had on swimming trunks, and without hesitation went to the rail and jumped

NEW YORK, May 20 .- A man who | The current carried his body down was declared to be Albert B. House, of Brooklyn, jumped from the Williamsburg bridge into the East river, a dis- men who accompanied him were ar-

House, who is a carpenter, soon go all right and explained that he made House, who is known as "Mysterious Albert, the High Diver," accompanied of \$1,000. He was badly bruised about Allan Line Officials Plan to Send the body as the result of striking the water, and complained of pain, but it is

# STRIKERS IN CLASH

Several Are Injured in Riots in Front of Auditorium Today.

PARIS, May 20 .- A serious clash be ween the police and a group of strikers took place this afternoon in front of the Railways St. Paul Auditorium, in which a number n both sides were injured.

nent of the meeting.

Police patrols throughout the city been doubled, as a result of the

for a big labor meeting tonight, at which an effort will be made to prevent a resumption of work on Friday. The indications are that the meeting

laughed cent meetings of the strikers. If it is, The same is true of the copper mold-ers, cabinetmakers, electricians, provi-

sion trades biscuit makers, barbers, and

several other trades, which are "ofsteadily sticking to their jobs.

#### WHITE FACE INN FIRE DESTROYS THE HOTEL

Noted Place at Saranac Lake Burned to Ground

Today. SARANAC LAKE, N. Y., May 20.-The White Face Inn, a noted summer hotel here, was burned to the ground today,

#### **EXPLOSION WRECKS** APARTMENT HOUSE

CHICAGO, May 26.-The Toledo apart was partially wrecked by an explosion of illuminating gas at 11:45 a. m. today and several persons are known to have

in the upper stories

Detective Helms Tells of Shadowing Fellow-Sleuth for Defendant.

SAN FRANCISCO, Cal., May 20.-That while he was connected with the United secret service bureau, he

Heney, who is prosecuting, finally suc- sea ceeded in getting the testimony into the

Calhoun's counsel moved to strike out this statement, declaring it improper, however, and to big liner may be carand sufficient grounds to have a misried out of the se field in the course of
trial ordered, but the court ruled against the day or be carried nearer to land. trial ordered, but the court ruled against the day or be carried nearer to land, the defense and then He was was per- In anticipation that the latter may mitted to ter his story.

counsel for the United Railways, he shadowed Detective Burns, Hener's aide, at all times following him everywhere he went on motor cycles, automobiles, in wagons, and afoot. He swere that he was finally ordered to enter into negoticitons with A. E. Platt, Burns' secretary, and engage him to Burns' secretary, and engage him to code of Burns' office. This Heims swore he did, and that the papers were all turned over to the United Railways.

Shadowed Burns He swore that he had his first inter view with Calhour following the lat-ter's indictment and that from that

"D'd Calhoun direct you to hire the onveyance in which you followed for another year.

This was the prediction made by Burns" witness was asked.
"He did."

"And he O.K.'d the bills?" "He did."

The calling of Helms came as a com elete surprise to the attorneys for the iefense and they fought hard to dis-redit his story, but he stuck closely to under a sharp cross-examination.

#### VON BUELOW WINS.

suclow, who came here for the purpose of submitting a report on the financial situation to the Kaiser, has gone to

### MEDALS PRESENTED TO WINNING CADETS Widow of Man Who Re-

Assembly Hall Filled With Alumni and Friends of Business High-Speakers Pay Tribute to Good Work of Victors.

And members of the Board of Education, representatives of the Chamber of the flag it ilf almost lost among the Commerce the Board of Trade, and dignified professors from all the high schools arose to a man and joined in the cheers with the 800 joyous students. The hag half almost lost among the twenty-five streamers that represent that number of winning companies, was borne to the platform by Superintendent Stuart and presented to Captain Dulin. of Business High School.

Macfarland's Address.

Commissioner Macfarland was the first speaker this morning. "I come to rejoice with you," he said. "I rejoice in your victory, I rejoice in the many

"I would like to exchange my job as years that you have fought with the Commissioner of the District of Columbia this morning with Captain Dulin, have looked steadily forward to this of the winning Company E."

So said Commissioner West. Several hundred alumni of Business High School and parents of Business pupils who arched from the field yesterday. It

prize for which high school companies have strugged for twenty-five years-

Medals Presented.

Then came the presentation of individ-ual medals for the best drilled men in the ranks. The medal for the best

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### LINER IS SECURE IN A FLOE OF ICE

Mongolian, With Five Hundred Aboard, Held in St. John's Harbor.

MAY RUIN BOAT

Fishermen Aboard to Consider Saving Ship.

ST. JOHNS, Newfoundland, May 20. At noon today, the position of the Allan liner Mongolian, caught in an ice floe off this port, was unchanged, although fully a mile from land and between he. and the shore arctic ice is piling up to an immense height. If the weather holds as it is, however, it is very likely the big steamer, with her 500 passen-gers, will be able to extricate herself from the inclosing ice, and make he way well out to sea, continuing on to

It is not known here, however, whether her hull has been damaged by the pressure of ice on her sides, but as the vessel displays no distress signal, it is pelieved that she is intact, and is no shipping any water.

No Chance of Aid.

There is absolutely no chance of send shadowed Detective Burns, and bought from this harbor. Between Burns' private secretary private the entrance to the bay and the big The strikers—what few remain of them—had been holding a meeting in the Auditorium, and the encounter took place immediately after the adjourn—had been decided by John Helms, in the trial of Patrick Calhoun, charged with bribery of city of the impossible for a man to make his control of the place immediately after the adjourn—had been holding a meeting in the startling admission made today by John Helms, in the trial of Patrick Calhoun, charged with bribery of city of the impossible for a man to make his control of the place immediately after the adjourn—had been holding a meeting in the startling admission made today by John Helms, in the trial of Patrick Calhoun, charged with bribery of city of the place immediately after the adjourn—had been holding a meeting in the startling admission made today by John Helms, in the trial of Patrick Calhoun, charged with bribery of city of the place immediately after the adjourn—had been holding a meeting in the startling admission made today by John Helms, in the trial of Patrick Calhoun, charged with bribery of city of the immediately after the adjourn—had been holding a meeting in the startling admission made today by John Helms, in the trial of Patrick Calhoun, charged with bribery of city of the immediately after the adjourn—had been holding a meeting in the startling admission made today by John Helms, in the trial of Patrick Calhound the place immediately after the adjourn—had been holding a meeting in the startling admission made today by John Helms, in the trial of Patrick Calhound the place immediately after the adjourn—had been holding a meeting in the startling admission made today by John Helms, in the trial of Patrick Calhound the place immediately after the adjourn—had been holding a meeting in the startling admission made today by John Helms, in the trial of Patrick Calhound the place immediately after the adjourn—had been holding a meeting in the startling admission made today by John Helms, in the trial of Patrick Calhound the place immediately after the p way. Therefore, the only hope is that This was brought out only after a the Mongolian may be able to make her hard battle between counsel. Attorney

Between the harbor entrance and the shore the Halifax steamer Prospero is "We have called this witness," said wedged. The agents of the Allan line Heney," to show the guilty conscience tried to send her to the Mongolian, but of this defendant Calhoun, after his indictment, and that he tried to inter harbor when she, too, became fast. It harbor when she, too, became fast. It is believed the Prospero will be crushed

> Currents Are Freakish. The currents here are very freakish

happen, the agents are making prepar-ations to send fishermen aboard, if pes-Helms sw re that, while acting as the feeting as the feeting for William Abbott, head sible, and confer with Captain William

### HIGH, SAYS PATTEN

Will Prevail No Matter What Happens to Bull Deal, He Tells Flour Men.

CRICAGO, May 20.-High wheat

WIESBADEN, May 20.—Prince von money by raising other cereals and abandoned wheat as unprofita

### Some may have lost their lives. Fire followed the explosion, and a number of persons were reported caught in the upper stories. Fire followed the explosion, and a lor's financial policy. The likelihood of a crisis in the near future, therefore, is diminished. FROM ALL LIABILITY

leased Railway Awarded Big Damages.

That a contract signed by an em ploye of a railway company releasing the road from liability for injury o death does not hold where the company has been negligent in failing to pro ride warnings, is the gist of a decis handed down today by Justice Stafford in Circuit Court No. 1.

Five thousand dollars damages are awarded the widow of Sydney R Tucker, a fireman, who was killed or August 26, 1907, while crossing the tracks and parents of Business pupils who taxed the capacity of the assembly hall this morning to witness the formal presentation of individual medals to members of Company E, winner of the high school competitive drill.

"I would like to be a boy again, if only for just this once," continued Commissioner West.

And members of the Board of Education of the Philadelphia, Wilmington and Baltimore railroad through an opening in the stone wall extending along the tracks of the Philadelphia, Wilmington and Baltimore railroad through an opening in the stone wall extending along the tracks of the Philadelphia, Wilmington and Baltimore railroad through an opening in the stone wall extending along the tracks of the Philadelphia, Wilmington and Baltimore railroad through an opening in the stone wall extending along the tracks of the Philadelphia, Wilmington and Baltimore railroad through an opening in the stone wall extending along the Philadelphia, Wilmington and Saltimore railroad through an opening in the stone wall extending along the Philadelphia, Wilmington and Saltimore railroad through an opening in the stone wall extending along the tracks of the Philadelphia, Wilmington and Saltimore railroad through an opening in the stone wall extending along the tracks of the Philadelphia, Wilmington and Saltimore railroad through an opening in the stone wall extending along the tracks of the Philadelphia, Wilmington and Saltimore railroad through an opening in the stone wall extending along the Philadelphia, Wilmington a

LAUNCH GROUNDS.

ATLANTIC CITY, N. J., May 20.—Reports were received here of the wrecking of the launch Flicker, Captain Bartolett, on Cold Spring bar. The crew was rescued after a severe struggle by the life-saving crew of the Cold Spring station, where the men were landed.

\$20.25 To Cincinnati and Return Via Pennsylvania Railroad-Tickets sold May 26, 27, 28, good to return until May 31. See ticket agents.—Advt.

### KERMIT SAVES LIFE OF HIS CHIEF BEATER

Roosevelt's Son Shoots Down Leopard Just as Beast Springs Through the Air at Native-Father Gets a Big Python.

NAIROBI, British East Africa, May the ground, he fired a showhigh and the 20.-Kermit Roosevelt saved the life of leopard at once attacked him. It sprang the chief beater who has been with him at the young hunter, but he held hi

of the chase an excellent specimen of Colonel Roosevelt has added a python the African leopard, while hunting on to his list of trophies, having known one the McMillan ranch yesterday.

The leopard, which had been sighted

several times by the hunter in the course arrived here from the hunting ground of the day, but always too far away to that he had a narrow escape Sunday

on all of his hunts since the arrival of ground and as it raised in the air sent Colonel Roosevelt and his party in Africa.

It dropped dead within six paces of Incidentally he added to the trophies.

near the can It is reported by the natives who have of the day, but always too far away to warrant a shot, was finally stirred out of a clump of bushes by the beaters as dusk was coming on.

The party had aroused it unexpectedly and as it sprang there was a scattering of beaters. The leader was too slow, however, and the beast struck him full on the back, knocking him down and clawing him severely. Kermit, who was on horseback, heard the cries and, coming up at full speed, jumped from his mount and tried for a shot to save the native. Afraid of killing the man on sixty different specimens of game.

### SCHOOL CHILDREN TO HONOR ROGERS

Will View Body of Town's Benefactor.

FAIRHAVEN, Mass., May 20.-The nool children of Fairhaven nor to Henry H. Rogers, the benefactor of the town. The body will lie in state in Fairhaven Memorial Church from 10 o'clock until 1 o'clock Saturday. Arrangements for the funeral have completed. The body will be indictment, and that he tried to interfere with the meting out of justice by having those who could know of the evidence against him shadowed, so that such evidence, if located, might be is the worst in years, and the Mongolian is the third vessel to have trouble is the third vessel to have trouble of the Messian in New York, tomorow. Saturday members the worst in years, and the Mongolian is the third vessel to have trouble driven of the town, with their teachers, and the worst in years, and the Mongolian is the third vessel to have trouble driven of the town, with their teachers, and the worst in years, and the Mongolian is the third vessel to have trouble driven of the Messian in New York, tomorow. Saturday members are the worst in years, and the Mongolian is the third vessel to have trouble driven of the Messian in New York, tomorow. o'clock friends and citizens will be ad mitted to the church.

will be conducted by the Rev. Frank L. Hillen, of the Fairhaven Memorial Church, which Rogers built and en-dowed in memory of his mother. Inter-ment will be in the Rogers' Mausoleum, in Riverside Cemetery.

### DRAWS OUT PLUM

tion in New York State Library.

missioner of Education Draper today announced the appointment of Carl P. P. Vitz, of Washington, D. C., as director's assistant, in the State library, at \$2,100 a year.

Carl P. P. Vitz is at present one Librarian Bowerman's assistants at the Washington Public Library. This was the prediction made by James A. Patten, to the flour men, in an address on the present grain situation. Patten said high prices would prevail no matter what happened to his present bull deal.

"I call your attention to the statement of James J. Hill, that consumption is apidly overtaking production," he said. "Further, than that, the farmers in a large part of the country have found they can make more than the said of the connection with library work began eleven years ago, when he was present bull deal.

#### MANY ARE INJURED IN NEW HAVEN FIRE

hospital here today

Signs of Eruption and Fills Air With Ashes.

CATANIA, May 20 .- People living in day in anticipation of a violent erup-The air for miles around the vol- \$26,080,875. cano is filled with hot ashes and it is feared that the lava will soon begin to

Several sharp earthquakes have bee felt in the neighborhood. Scientists who are visiting the scene say that the present disturbance is far more threatening than any of those noted in the last few months. Ever since the disastrous shocks of five months ago, Mt. Etna has shown signs of eruption

### BAD RIOT STARTED BY SMALLPOX CASE

Frenzied Negroes Are Finally Quelled by Calling Out of Reserves.

PHILADELPHIA, May 29.—A case of \$2,001,020.00; Military Academy, \$2,021,030 and partial partia them from getting within the territory roped off by the health officials.

The reserves of sixteen districts we burried to the neighborhood and only by such an overwhelming show of force were the frenzied negroes quelled.

### PROCLAIMS A. VAIL TELEGRAPH INVENTOR

Vail in his will, dated June 1, 1907, and The claim is made relative to the bequest of scrap books containing clip-

uffering from slight injuries sustained in a fire last night, which gutted the assement of the building occupied by J. Notkins drug store, the Modern Oak Hill Cemetery the following epitaph ter.

"The eldest son of Alfred Vail Eleven men were overcome by the (Inventor of the Electric Eelegraph) and smoke.

### MINISTER WU MAKES THRUST AT JAPAN

Says China Is Strong for Peaceful Measures-Attack Is Made on Churches at the Mohonk

attacked war in a stirring manner. The fore a large audience at the Lake Mohonk peace conference today.

Dr. Wu referred especially to the ineffectual efforts of China to carry out the provisions of The Hague conference and the opposition these effors met.

"China is not strongly in favor of arbitration," he said, "and hopes the day will soon come when compulsory arbitration will be made the law of nations."

Justice MacLaren, of the Ontario supreme court, discussed the United States and Canadian boundary dispute, and dwelt at length on the peaceful conditions. The Rev. A. Eugene Bartlett, of China is not strongly in favor of arbitration, he said, "and hopes the day will soon come when compulsory arbitration will be made the law of nations."

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# ALL RECORDS HELD FOR USING MONEY

Enormous Total of \$1,070,-482,732 Appropriated for Expenses.

10,120 NEW OFFICES CREATED BY LAW

For the Navy, Including Two Battleships, \$24,845,000-Philippine Fortifications Costly.

The fina! official statement of the Appropriations Committees of the Senate tees today, shows that the last session of Congress either specifically appropriated or authorized the expenditure of the enormous total of \$1,070,482,732. Today's statement has been prepared.

Senate and House Appropriations Com-It is the complete official summing up of the epyropriations required by law

by Thomas P. Cleaves and James C.

Courts, chief clerks, respectively, of the

to be made The expenditures of the last session of Congres, were record-breaking. The amount usually reckoned on as representing the appropriations is \$1.044,401,857. This is the sum that covers the specific appropriations. It does not take account of the contracts authorized to be entered into for certain public works rethe vicinity of Mt. Etna are fleeing to- quiring future appropriations by Congress. Such appropriations aggregated

What They Cover.

These contracts cover the following objects and amounts, namely: For construction of sea coast batteries in the Philippine Islands, \$600,000; two first-class batteships, one collier, six torclass batf exhips, one collier, six torpedo boar destroyers, and four submarine torpedo boats, including estimated cost of armament, \$24,845,000; and for improvement of certain rivers and harbors, \$635,875, making in all \$25,690,875.

A comparison of these confract liabilities with those of the first session of the first session of the first session of \$43,447,50, shows a reduction of \$23,362,875 of the appropriations.

Details of Bins. The details by bills are as follows: Agricultural, \$12,995,636.00; army, \$101,195,-883.34; diplomatic and consular, \$3.612,-861.67; District of Columbia, \$10,699,531.49; fortification, \$8,170,111.00; Indian, \$11,854,-982.48; legislative, executive and judicial, PHILADELPHIA, May 29.—A case of \$22,007,049.00; Military Academy, \$2,521.

> Grand total, \$1,044,401,857.12. 10,120 New Offices. The new offices and employments spe-

cifically authorized are 10,120 in number at an annual compensation of \$11,176,-899.50, and those abolished or ormitted are 6,243 in number, at an annual confpensation of \$5,504,890.50-a net in of 3,877 in number and \$5,672,000 in The total number of salaries shown

Will of Son Says Father, Not

Morse, First Sent

Messages.

That his father, Alfred Vail, and not Morse, was the inventor of the telegraph is the assertion made by Stephen Vail in his will, dated June 1, 1907, and o be emitted includes 626 in the Census

Actual Net Increase. This actual net increase in nu of new employments includes 3,368 adpungs in reference to his father's right ditional clerks and other employes in to the invention of the telegraph. The to the invention of the telegraph. The books are left to the library of Congers.

Mr. Vail also directs that upon the marker to be erected over his grave in Oak Hill Cemetery the following epitaph appears: "The eldest son of Alfred Vail (Inventor of the Electric Telegraph) and Jennie E. Vail, 1840-19—"

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JST AT JAPAN

the Postal Service throughout the country. Of the remaining 915 additions to the salaried list of the Government. 28 are for the Senate, 62 for the House of Repassentatives, 8 for the Library of Congress, 8 for the Civil Service Commission, 11 for the Department of State, partment of the Electric Telegraph) and Jennie E. Vail, 1840-19—"

The total sumber of salaries or rates of wagas increased in the entire public service is 275, at an annual cost of \$13.386.

Comparison of Totals.

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A comparison of the total appropria-tions of the first session of the Sixtleth Congress, for 1909, \$1,008,397,543,56, with